

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/820,174

Examiner

Nasser Ahmad

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/8/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other See Continuation Sheet.

Continuation of Attachment(s) 9. Other: Drawing filed on 4/6/04 are accepted by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Douglas W. Sprinkle on January 19, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 7, before "said cover", the phrase - -said cover being free of adhesive on an outwardly facing side of said cover,- - has been inserted.

Claim 7, line 6, the phrase "cover assembly" has been replaced by the phrase - -separate cover assembly free of adhesive on an outwardly facing side- -.

Claim 7, line 11, the article "an" has been deleted and replaced by the phrase - -a longitudinally extending- -.

Claim 7, line 11, the word "across" has been changed to - -overlying- -.

Claim 7, line 12, after "assembly", the phrase - -, and which detachably secures said cover edges together- -has been added.

Claim 9, line 3, after "substrate", the phrase - -having an outwardly facing side that is free of adhesive- - has been inserted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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A review of applicants' arguments in the amendment filed on November 8, 2005 and a review of the instant amended claims has convinced the examiner that the claims are allowable over the applied prior art of record. The prior art fails to teach or suggest an adhesive roller assembly having a plurality of overlapping layers, each layer having a backing sheet with an adhesive coating on an outwardly facing side, a separate cover is removably and replaceably disposed around and having one side in contact with an outermost layer of said adhesive roll, the cover being free of adhesive on an outwardly facing side of said cover, and an adhesive release coating on its one side facing contacting the adhesive, the cover having two longitudinally extending edges positioned adjacent to each other, a longitudinally extending adhesive retainer strip is overlying said edges and detachably secures the edges together, and a pull-tab is adhesively attached along one side of said retainer strip. Also, the prior art fails to teach a method of manufacturing the above discussed adhesive roller comprising the steps of spiralwinding the overlapping adhesive strips around a cylindrical core, spiral winding the separate cover around the outermost adhesive strip layer, forming a longitudinal slit through said cover thereby forming abutting edges, and applying a longitudinally extending adhesive retainer strip along and overlying said abutting edges. Also, no evidentiary support could be provided to support the position that the claimed invention would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

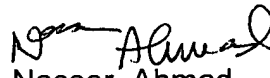
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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-1487. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and on alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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January 20, 2006.